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## Minutes 09/12/2011

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, September 12, 2011**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7:15 p.m.**

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mr. Greeley, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Dunn  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

#### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

a. Minutes of Meetings: August 22, 2011

b. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 10/22/11, 'Hope Out Loud' @ Park Avenue Congregational Church

Charlotte Heim and Meg Moloney, Tremendous Hearts

c. Request: Two One Day Beer & Wine Licenses, 10/21/11 and 10/28/11, 'The Big Broadcast of 1954' @The Regent Theatre

Chris DeKalb, Post-Meridian Radio Players

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Discussion: Arlington International Film Festival

April Ranck, co-founder

Ms. Ranck invited the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Arlington to attend the first-ever Arlington International Film Festival which will take place with an Opening Ceremony and Featured Film on the evening of Thursday, October 6 at 7 p.m. at the Regent Theater and will continue on Friday, October 7th, Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th. The Festival has already embedded itself into the Arlington community, arising from the hearts and souls of Arlington Citizens Alberto Guzman and April Ranck, embracing the youth of Arlington High School and Ottoson Middle School through a poster and video contest, inspiring many Arlingtonians to volunteer hundreds of hours to bring the festival to fruition. Ms. Ranck stated that they hope to make this festival an annual event.

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of report.

#### LICENSES & PERMITS

3. Requests: Arlington Center for the Arts, 12th Annual Arlington Open Studios

(a) Arts Center to be open on Sunday, October 16 from 12N-5p.m.

(b) Waiver of "resident only parking" restrictions on Tufts and Foster Streets for Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16.

(c) Placement of sandwich board @ intersection of Mass. Ave. and Rte. 60 from Sunday 10/9 through Sunday, 10/16.

Pamela Shanley, Arlington Center for the Arts

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all rules and conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Request: Food Vendor License

Sama Albannan; Samayman, LLC, d/b/a Nana's Mart, 456A Mass. Avenue  
Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all rules and conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

No matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS6. Vote: Special Municipal Employee/Retirement Board

Richard Greco, Retirement Board Administrator

The Board unanimously approved the request of Christine Lambrych under Chapter 268A, Section 20(b)(3) Certification.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Vote: a) Sustainable Communities Agreement  
b) Grant Application to Begin Master Planning

Laura Wiener, Senior Planner

The Redevelopment Board and Planning Department are working on a grant application to help us begin the process of creating a Master Plan for the Town. This is something that the Redevelopment Board and Planning Department have been talking and thinking about for a long time. Arlington does not have a Master Plan, though it does have an Open Space Plan and a Housing Plan, making up two elements of a Master Plan. A Master Plan is a road map for managing future growth, and involves planning for desired land uses. It involves deciding where future growth is desirable and will be encouraged, and where it is unacceptable, and to be discouraged. It is a tool that can be used to encourage diversifying our tax base, by welcoming new uses in certain designated areas of Town. The proposal is to get help for the Town in initial outreach input from the community in creating a vision and goals for our future. The Planning Department is hoping for a very inclusive outreach to Arlington residents and businesses, and hopes to reach beyond the usual constituencies. They believe this will help us to shape a vision for the Town that has broad support and will be used by the Town's boards and committees in future decision making.

Ms. Rowe asked that the grant application have more emphasis on Historic Sites such as the Jason Russell House and The Old Schwamb Mill.

The BOS voted to authorize the Town to join the Metro-Boston Consortium of Sustainable Communities. This vote allows the town to apply for a federal grant that will provide assistance as the planning department creates a master plan.

Mr. Greeley moved approval to send letter of support.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Update: GIC Agreement

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan stated that after nearly two months of intense negotiations, the Town and its employees unions have come to an agreement for significant health care changes. The agreement calls for the employees and retirees to move into the State's Group Insurance Commission (GIC) health insurance plans. The changes are expected to save the Town approximately \$4 million per year in health care costs (\$2 million more than was projected in next year's budget). Public Employees Committee Chairman, Linda Hanson, also spoke in regards to the unions agreeing to change. The following people were involved in the PEC:

Ron Colosi/ Stephen Pereira/ Carolyn Simmons/ Caryn Gillis  
Robert DeRosa/ Daniel Warren  
Shawn Sullivan/John McCaffery/Brian Caggiano

Pam Watts-Flavin/Catherine Kiah  
Richard Pedrini/Greg Flavin  
John Jones/James Largenton  
Richard LaValle/Kenneth Hughes

Mr. Dunn stated that he is very excited about this agreement – he feels that it is the biggest impact that we have made for the Town

Ms. LaCourt stated agreement is fantastic – it has been a long hard process and she thanked Mr. Sullivan and town employees for coming to this conclusion.

Ms. Rowe stated that wonderful people work for the Town and she wants to keep all of our people.

Mr. Greeley stated that all of our financial struggles have been borne by town employees and is thrilled that the unions have agreed to this health care change.

The Board unanimously voted to approve and execute the agreement.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### **New Business**

Mr. Sullivan asked that the Board of Selectmen support the memo from Laura Wiener, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Community Development, asking for TAC to review the MBTA's proposal relative to the Route 77 bus line improvements. The MBTA will use federal grant money to consolidate stops, install benches and shelters, and enhance accessibility of 15 bus routes in the region including the 77 Bus.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley stated that the Garden Club awarded him 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for plantings on the Town-owned island that he does in memory of his brother. There are 52 islands in Town that are taken care of by private citizens. His late brother Brian, did the island at the intersection of Old Mystic Street and Mystic Street. Since his untimely passing he has taken over doing the plantings with the help of Jim Nicholson, Jack Lepore, Annie Greeley and Bob Lalicata. He now knows it takes a lot of work and wants to thank all citizens who take care of one of the islands in an effort to beautify the Town.

Mrs. Mahon thanked the Tree Dept. and Public Works Department for all their hard work during Hurricane Irene.

She would like to have a meeting with the Town Manager to discuss who would be in charge to contact NSTAR for future storms. Mrs. Mahon feels that we should have access to someone in NSTAR and all other utility companies that are in charge of public safety.

Ms. LaCourt would like to have the vacancy on the Local Emergency Planning Committee be placed on a future Agenda. Ms. LaCourt would also like the Board to look over all the Committee appointments that need appointments or reappointments where necessary.

Mr. Dunn stated he was thrilled that the Forest Street e-mail list was up and running on the Town Website. Also he inquired if the IT Dept. was working on getting all town employees on the Town's e-mail list.

Mr. Dunn stated he was really glad that the Town stepped up to collecting all the branches and trees that were knocked down during Hurricane Irene, and thanked the Dept. of Public Works, Fire and Police Departments and Town Manager for all their hard work during the storm.

Ms. Rowe asked Mr. Dunn to arrange a joint meeting with the School Department and the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Rowe also stated that Representative Sean Garballey was willing to facilitate said meeting.

Ms. Rowe asked Mr. Sullivan if he would inquire as to when the next meeting regarding Busa Farm will be held.

Ms. Rowe stated that the construction down at Sunnyside Avenue was awful and she hoped to get down to the site before the weekend or after Town Day.

Ms. Rowe also expressed her concerns regarding the safety of our school children coming from the Thompson School to Hardy School. She stated that TAC stated two more Traffic Supervisors would be hired for that location, but she does not feel that is adequate. Mr. Sullivan stated he would look into it and report back.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest:  
 Marie A. Krepelka  
 Board Administrator

**"Documents Used" At Board of Selectmen Meeting:**

9/12/11

Agenda Item	Documents Used
1(a)	draft minutes 8/22/11 Board of Selectmen meeting
1(b)	Special Liquor License Application - Charlotte Heim 10/22/11 - Park Ave Congregational Church
1(c)	Special Liquor License Application - Chris DeKalb 10/21/11 & 10/28/11 - Regent Theater
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3	9/1/11 letter - Pamela Shanley - Arlington Open Studio
4	License Application Report (Food Vendor) - Sama Albannan - d/b/a Nana's Mart - 456A Massachusetts Avenue
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6	9/8/11 letter from Richard Greco, Arlington Retirement Board 9/6/11 letter from Christine Lambrych
7	9/8/11 memorandum from Department of Planning and Community Development 9/8/11 application 3/8/11 Sustainable Communities Consortium Agreement 1/20/11 Sustainable Communities Summary 8/25/11 list of consortium members
8	9/2/11 memorandum from Adam Chapdelaine re PEC Agreement PEC Memorandum of Agreement (1/1/2012 - 6/30/2015)

**Next scheduled meeting of BoS September 26, 2011.**